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## *Memorandum*

TO: Partnership Technical Advisory Committee

DATE: November 20, 2006

FR: Kenneth Kao

RE: Federal Obligation Plan – FFY 2006-07

California state statutes require that MTC submit an annual obligation plan that includes all federal funds MTC expects to be obligated that federal fiscal year. In accordance with the regional project funding delivery policy (MTC Resolution 3606), MTC submits its obligation plan shortly after the beginning of each federal fiscal year (October 1). Due to heightened scrutiny of inactive obligations, as well as MTC's need to fully utilize its obligation authority, local agencies whose projects are on the obligation plan are required to receive their obligation by May 31, 2007. Projects that do not obligate by May 31 are subject to losing their programmed federal funds. In order to obligate the funds by May 31, project sponsors are required to submit their obligation requests to Caltrans, along with the documentation required by Caltrans and FHWA, by March 1, 2007.

Attached is the final obligation plan. Project sponsors must request obligation of these funds by March 1, 2007. Project sponsors should be reminded that projects are subject to de-programming if they are not obligated by the regional May 31, 2007 deadline.

The FFY 2006-07 Final Obligation Plan identifies \$80.8 million of STP/CMAQ funds for obligation. The OA target is not yet available; however, for comparison, the MTC region received about \$75 million in OA in FFY 2005-06.

The Obligation Plan will be submitted to Caltrans once the Partnership Technical Advisory Committee considers it. Project sponsors should notify the Congestion Management Agency and MTC staff immediately if there are any anticipated delays that would prevent obligation by the deadlines above.

Attachment

A – FFY 2006-07 Final Obligation Plan for STP/CMAQ funds